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In re Application of
John Emile Hebert et al.
Application No. 09/692,592
Filed: October 19, 2000
For: COMPLETION APPARATUS AND METHODS
FOR USE IN HYDROCARBON WELLS

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: DECISION ON PETITION
: TO WITHDRAW THE
: HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to applicant's petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), on November 26, 2002. There is no fee for this petition.

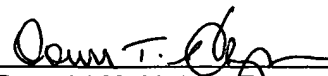
The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the application was held abandoned for failing to file a timely response to an Office communication dated December 5, 2001.

Applicant's petition includes a copy of a response bearing a Certificate of Facsimile Transmittal date of February 21, 2002. A statement by William B. Patterson was received within the petition, which attests under 37 CFR 1.8(b)(3) to the personal knowledge of transmitting the response on the date indicated on the Certificate of Facsimile Transmittal. This is sufficient evidence of a timely response.

Since a timely response to the Office action was filed, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the response filed with the petition, and then to the Primary Examiner for prompt action on the merits of the application.

Telephone inquiries relative to this decision should be directed to Special Programs Examiner Steven Meyers at (703) 308-3868.


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